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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Request for Waiver – Project Allocation
Action Item

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TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-99-25
GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATING, MONITORING AND AUDITING OF
FUNDS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROPOSITION 108 AND PROPOSITION 116 BOND PROGRAM
INTERREGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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ISSUE

Resolution G-99-25, *Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring and Auditing of Funds for Local Assistance Projects*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on August 18, 1999, stipulates recipients have to allocate funds for a project within the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission applied these requirements to projects funded by the Proposition 116 Rail Bond Funds.

The Department of Transportation (Department) is requesting a 16-month time extension for allocation, from June 30, 2001 to October 31, 2002, of \$8,000,000 for the San Diego Maintenance Facility. The extension is needed to ensure funds remain available for allocation for the construction phase of this project. The allocation request has been delayed because the business located on the site originally selected by the Department was being sold. The sale complicated and lengthened negotiations, and delayed initiation of the required Phase II Environmental assessment. Recently, however, the Department and BNSF have agreed in principle to construct this project on nearby BNSF property. The BNSF letter stipulating this has been forwarded to Commission staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Commission approve this time extension request from June 30, 2001 to October 31, 2002.

SUMMARY

The Commission approved \$2,000,000 under Resolution MFP-98-14 from the State Highway Account, December 2, 1998 for right-of-way appraisal, environmental, preliminary design and related work. This prior allocation is currently only 10% spent. Based on the commitment letter received from BNSF as discussed above, the Department can now expedite all phases of this project. The 16-month time extension is needed for the proper timing of the allocation of construction funds.